Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989

2682. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) by when the draft notification dated 21st January, 2003 to amend the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 to clarify confusion related to application of IT to Transport Sector created by notification dated 31st May, 2002 would be issued;

(b) the reasons for the delay to release the draft notification;

(c) the steps being taken to implement the smart card based vehicle registration certificates in various States; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The draft notification has already been published. As the Ministry had received divergent views from various quarters on the draft notification, a Committee has been constituted under the Chairmansh.p of Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Chairman, ETH Research Laboratory, Pune, with a view to getting an independent technical advice prior to finalisation of the notification. It is not possible to indicate any time frame.

(c) and (d) The common standard software, both for front-end and back-end computerisation has already been provided to all States/UTs. The States have been advised to be ready to introduce Smart Cards in road transport sector.

Progress of Six-Lane Highway Project

†2683. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress in construction of six-lane express highways at present;

(b) the States where work of highways is yet to be completed; and

(c) whether the cost of construction is escalating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Presently there is no six-lane express highways under construction in the country.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.